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1. IN GENERAL, TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL LOOK GOOD TO ME.
A FEW SPECIFIC COMMENTS ARE NOTED IN SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS. AS
IS APPARENT FROM OUR REPORTING, WE HAVE NOT YET SOLVED THE
TRANSITION LAW AND ORDER AND FUTURE ZIMBABWE ARMY QUESTIONS. OUR
IMMEDIATE EFFORT IS BEING DIRECTED TO GETTING THE PARTIES TO AGREE
TO NEGOTIATE THESE POINTS WITH THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER. WE
MUST THEREFORE BE PREPARED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM IN SAME CAREFUL
MANNER.

2. WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A BRITISH INITIATIVE WHICH THE
U.S. SUPPORTS. AS A POINT OF LEGAL FACT, WHILE WE HAVE DEVELOPED
THIS PROPOSAL TOGETHER, ONLY THE BRITISH CAN TAKE OVER LEGAL
AUTHORITY IN RHODESIA AND ENACT AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.
INDEED, BOTH OF THESE ESSENTIAL ACTS REQUIRE ACTION IN THE BRITISH
PARLIAMENT. IT IS ALSO WISE, I THINK, AS A MATTER OF POLITICAL
TACTICS FOR US TO FAITHFULLY ADHERE TO THE UK INITIATIVE FORMULATION.
MANY IN CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE MAY SAY, AS CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN
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HAS ALREADY SAID TO ME, THAT THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE NO PART
OF FORCING A FOREIGN LEADER TO STEP DOWN. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT
IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 1 AND WHEREVER APPROPRIATE WE
AVOID "ANGLO-AMERICAN" (OR UK-US, ETC.). THE PLAN WILL INEVITABLY
BE SHORT-HANDED IN THAT FASHION, BUT WE SHOULD NOT BE THE ONES
TO DO IT.

3. COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC PARAS REFTEL FOLLOW: RE PARA 2:
INSERT FOLLOWING "CONSULTATIONS" THE FOLLOWING PHRASE: QUOTE
WITH ALL THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AND PARTIES BOTH BLACK AND
WHITE END QUOTE.

4. RE PARA 3; AT THE END OF THE PARAGRAPH ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW
SENTENCE: QUOTE WE WOULD NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES
OR CHANGES TO ARISE IN THE COURSE OF THIS CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.

5. THE FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR EXISTING
PARAGRAPH 5. QUOTE PRIOR TO THE CEASEFIRE AND THE BEGINNING
OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD, THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE,
IN CONSULTATION WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL
AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE RHODESIAN AND LIBERATION FORCES,
WILL WORK OUT SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CEASEFIRE, THE
MANDATE FOR AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UN FORCE, THE MEANS AND
BASIS ON WHICH THE NEW ZIMBABWE ARMY WILL BE FORMED, AND THE
ROLES OF THE VARIOUS ARMED FORCES WITHIN RHODESIA DURING THE
TRANSITION PERIOD. END QUOTE.

6. RE PARA 9; SECOND CLAUSE OF FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD BE REVISED
TO READ QUOTE THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED FIRST TO
NAME A REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSULT REGARDING UN AND TRANSITIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS (AS DESCRIBED PARA 5, ABOVE) AND, WHEN SATISFACTORY
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON, TO ESTABLISH A UN FORCE.
END QUOTE. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PARAGRAPH AND PARA 7 AND
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8 WE MUST BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE
NATURE AND COST OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE UN FORCE.

7. RE PARA 12; THIRD SENTENCE SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ, QUOTE
IN OUR VIEW A SOLUTION WHICH BRINGS AN END TO ARMED WARFARE IS
CLEARLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE. WORLD AND U.S. OPINION TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE
STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY SOUTH AFRICA'S ATTITUDE WITH REGARD TO
THIS INITIATIVE.
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